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Richmond Price Current.

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	CASH.	D. C.
Tobacco,	-	4 50
Wheat,	-	1 08
Flour, super-fine,	-	7 00
Flour, fine,	-	6 50
Corn,	-	2 50
Hemp, per ton,	-	280 00
Iron,	-	120 00
Bacon,	-	00 10
Whiskey,	-	00 44

NEW YORK

STATE LOTTERY

POSITIVELY COMMENCES DRAWING THE
12th day of April Inst.

HIGHEST PRIZES.

30,000 Dollars,
20,000 Dollars,
10,000 Dollars,
5,000 Dollars.

TICKETS in the above Grand Lottery, from G. and R. Waite's truly fortunate lottery office, may be had at S. Pleasants' Book store, in Richmond, where a regular check book of the drawings will be kept, and adventurers in the lottery may obtain the earliest information, gratis.

General Assembly, begun and held at the Capitol in the city of Richmond, on Monday the second day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and five, and of the Commonwealth, the thirtieth.

AN ACT giving further time to the proprietors of certain lands, forfeited for the non-payment of taxes, to redeem the same.

[Passed February 1st, 1863.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That the proprietors of lands forfeited to and vested in the Commonwealth, by the non-payment of taxes, agreeably to the act, entitled, "An act more effectually to provide for the payment of taxes upon lands within this Commonwealth," may redeem the same by paying into the treasury of this Commonwealth, on or before the first day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and six, all arrears of taxes due thereon.

This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

A Copy from the Roll—Teste,

J. PLEASANTS, Jr. Keeper

of the Rolls.

General Assembly, begun and held at the Capitol in the city of Richmond, on Monday the first day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and six, and of the Commonwealth, the thirty-first.

AN ACT to amend an act, entitled, "An act more effectually to provide for the payment of taxes upon lands within this Commonwealth."

[Passed 20th January, 1863.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That when the taxes on any tract or parcel of land shall have heretofore remained, or shall hereafter remain unpaid for the space of two years, such tract or parcel of land shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth, and shall not be subject to location.

Provided nevertheless, That the tract or parcel of land so as aforesaid forfeited, shall be subject to the redemption of the former right full and proper owner at any time within three years after such forfeiture shall have accrued, upon payment of the taxes due thereon, according to the following rules, to wit: That if the said taxes shall be paid in the first year after such forfeiture shall have accrued, there shall be paid an interest of twenty-five per centum per annum on the amount of the said taxes from the time they became due, till paid.

If the said taxes shall be paid in the second year after such forfeiture shall have accrued, there shall be paid an interest of fifty per centum per annum on the amount of taxes due as aforesaid.

If the said taxes shall be paid in the third year after such forfeiture shall have accrued, there shall be paid an interest of one hundred per centum per annum, as aforesaid.

Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed as to affect the rights of infants, females covert, or persons of unsound mind, until one year after the disabilities shall have ceased, or their paying all taxes due, with an interest thereon at the rate of ten per centum per annum on the amount due as aforesaid.

All acts and parts of acts coming within the purview of this act, are hereby repealed.

This act shall commence and be in force from and after the first day of March next.

A Copy from the Roll—Teste,

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of the Rolls.

General Assembly, begun and held at the Capitol in the city of Richmond, on Monday the fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and of the Commonwealth, the thirty-third.

AN ACT providing for the redemption of certain lands forfeited by the non-payment of the taxes thereon.

[Passed February 6th, 1863.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That all lands heretofore forfeited or hereafter to be forfeited to the Commonwealth for the non-payment of taxes, by virtue of the laws now in force, shall be redeemable at any time within three years from the time when such forfeiture hath heretofore accrued, or shall hereafter accrue, and until the first day of March next succeeding the expiration of the said term of three years, on payment of the taxes due thereon, with an interest of ten per centum per annum on each year's tax, from the time when the same became or shall become due, until the time of such redemption.

Provided, nevertheless, That all lands heretofore forfeited, shall be redeemable in like manner, and on payment of the like interest, on or before the first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and ten.

Be it further enacted, That the auditor of public accounts, shall on or before the first day of

March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and on or before the first day of March in every year thereafter, deliver to the collector of the taxes of each county, a list of all such forfeited lands therein, as on the first day of March preceding, had become irredeemable, which list shall be forthwith posted or hung up in the most public place in the courthouse of the county.

Be it further enacted, That on the first Monday in August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and on the first Monday of August in every year thereafter, the collector shall proceed, by public auction, at the door of the courthouse of each county, to sell to the highest bidder, each tract of land contained within the list of such forfeited lands, as were irredeemable on the first day of March in the preceding year, for ready money.

Be it further enacted, That if at any such sale, the former owner or owners of any forfeited tract of land so about to be sold, or any person for him, her or them, or in his, her or their behalf, with or without any authority or direction for that purpose, shall appear and pay the taxes due thereon, with interest as aforesaid, until the time of such sale, such tract shall not be sold, but an entry of such payment shall be made by the collector on the list aforesaid, and a receipt for such payment given to the person making the same in the name of the former owner or owners, and the reason such land shall be taken to be redeemed, and the forfeiture acceded thereon, shall be, and the same is hereby fully waived and remitted.

Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner or commissioners of the revenue, annually, on the first Monday in August, to attend at the courthouse of their respective counties, and to take and make out a list of all the sales to be made by the collector, specifying the name or names of the former owner or owners, the sums paid and to whom sold; which list the commissioner or commissioners shall forthwith transmit to the auditor of public accounts, who shall charge the collector with the amount of sales appearing thereon.

Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of every collector to pay annually into the public treasury, all such sum or sums of money as he shall receive by virtue of this act, deducting a commission of five per centum thereon, which payment shall annually be made on the same day on which the taxes collected in the same year shall be payable.

Be it further enacted, That the lists of sale so certified and taken by the commissioners, or either of them, shall be sufficient to charge the collector or his security or securities, his, her or their heirs, executors or administrators, respectively, on any motion to be made to recover the same by the auditor of public accounts. And if any collector shall make default in the payment of any moneys by him received, by virtue of this act, at the time hereby required, such collector, and his security or securities, his, her or their heirs, executors or administrators, shall be liable to all such fines, interest, damages and costs, and be recovered in the same manner as in case of a default in the payment of the Commonwealth's revenue.

Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of every collector making a sale by virtue of this act, to make and execute to the purchaser a deed in fee simple for the lands purchased, reciting the cause of sale, and in every action or suit at law or in equity, in which a former owner or owners of any tract of land so sold and conveyed, his, her or their heirs, devisee, or other person or persons claiming under him, her or them, shall contest the validity of the sale so made, the onus probandi shall lie on the party so contesting.

Be it further enacted, That the commissioner or commissioners for discharging the duties required of them by this act, shall be entitled to receive from the public treasury a commission of one and a half per centum on the amount of sales, on a warrant from the auditor of public accounts.

Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the auditor of public accounts, as the public expense, to cause a copy of this act, and of an act passed the first day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and six, entitled, "An act giving further time to the proprietors of certain lands forfeited for the non-payment of taxes to redeem the same, and also of an act passed on the twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, entitled, "An act to amend an act, entitled, "An act more effectually to provide for the payment of taxes upon lands within this Commonwealth," to be published for six months successively in the present year, and for three months successively preceding the first Monday in August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven, to be published in some newspaper of general circulation, edited in each of the United States, if any such there be.

And be it further enacted, That the duties enjoined by this act to be performed by the collector, shall, where the sheriff is collector, be performed by the high sheriff in person, and every purchase made, wholly or in part, by the sheriff or his deputy, or by any other person being a collector, or by any other person, wholly or in part, for the use of such sheriff, deputy sheriff or other person being collector, shall be void; and every sheriff, deputy sheriff or other person being a collector, making any purchase, either wholly or in part, for himself, or procuring any other person to make such purchase, wholly or in part, for the use aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of \$500, to the use of the public, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, in any court of record having jurisdiction thereof.

This act shall be in force from the passing thereof.

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of the Rolls.

HOSTLER WANTED.

A liberal price will be given

FOR A

Good Hostler,

At the Bell Tavern, either by the month

or year.

Richmond, 27th April, 1863. If

New Law Books.

THE 8th vol. of East's Reports, and the

5th vol. of Espinasse's Reports are just

received and for sale by S. Pleasants.

Virginia:

At a Superior Court of Chancery holden at the Capitol in the City of Richmond, the eighteenth day of February, 1863.

Robert H. Rose, Plaintiff,

vs.

Joel Bennett and Tandy Bowcock, assignees of

Richard Barbour, late a bankrupt, now deceased,

Thomas Barbour father and heir of the

said Richard, John Thomas, Robert King,

Charles Croughan and William Davidson,

Executors of James Short.

THE defendant Robert King not having entered

his appearance and given security according

to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this

court, that he is not an inhabitant of this country,

on motion of the plaintiff by counsel, it is ordered

that the said defendant do appear here on the

first day of the next term and answer the

bill of the plaintiff, and that a copy of this order

be forthwith inserted in some newspaper published

in the city of Richmond, for two months suc-

cessively, and posted at the front door of the capitol

in the said city.

A Copy—Teste,

PETER TINSLEY, c. c.

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Charles Croughan and William Davidson,

Executors of James Short.

THE defendant Robert King not having entered

his appearance and given security according

to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this

court, that he is not an inhabitant of this country,

on motion of the plaintiff by counsel, it is ordered

that the said defendant do appear here on the

first day of the next term, and answer the

bill of the plaintiff, and that a copy of this order

be forthwith inserted in some newspaper published

in the city of Richmond, for two months suc-

cessively, and posted at the front door of the capitol

in the said city.

A Copy—Teste,

PETER TINSLEY, c. c.

Virginia:

At a Superior Court of Chancery holden at the Capitol in Richmond, February 27th, 1863.

John M. Walker, Administrator with the

will annexed of John Christian deceased,

James Patterson, the same John M. Walker,

Administrator of Joyce Christian deceased,

and the said John M. Walker and

Susanna, his wife, sole heirs of the said

Joyce Christian and George Smith, and

the said John M. Walker, Executors of

Lucy Daiguid, deceased, and George

Christian and Joyce P. his wife, George

E. Daiguid and Elizabeth his wife, and

Lydia Daiguid, heirs of the said Lucy

Daiguid, deceased.

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Elizabeth Patterson, Executrix, and George

Christian, Executors of Peter Patterson, deceased,

and Martha Patterson, Elizabeth

McReynolds, Charles Patterson, Peggy Pat-

terson, Polly Patterson, Peter Patterson, Jen-

ny Patterson, Henry Patterson, Fanny Pat-

terson, and Charles B. Patterson, son and heir of Nancy Bacon, late

Nancy Patterson, children and heirs at law of

Charles Patterson, deceased, and devisees

of the said Peter Patterson, deceased,

Mary Ann Patterson, widow of John Pat-

terson, deceased, Charles Phelps and Molly,

his wife, Lewis Dawson, and Lucy his

wife, Samuel P. Christian, and Nancy

his wife, Samuel Patterson and John Pat-

terson, infants, by the said Samuel P. Chris-

tian, specially assigned their guardian,

heirs of the said John Patterson, deceased.

Defendants.

ON motion of the Plaintiff, by counsel,

and it appearing to the satisfaction of

the court, that the defendants, Elizabeth

Patterson, Executrix, and Martha Patterson,

Elizabeth McReynolds, Charles Patterson,

Peggy Patterson, Polly Patterson, Peter

Patterson, Jenny Patterson, Henry Pat-

terson, Fanny Patterson, Patterson, and

Charles Bacon, heirs of Charles Patterson,

deceased, and devisees of Peter Patterson,

deceased, are not inhabitants of this coun-

try, it is ordered that the said defendants

appear before this court on the first day

of the next term, and shew cause, if any

they can, why the suit lately depending be-

tween William Daiguid, and Lucy, his wife,

John M. Walker, Administrator with the

will annexed, of John Christian, deceased,

Joyce Christian, widow of the said John

Christian and James Patterson, plaintiffs, and

Charles Patterson, Defendant, which hath

abated as well by the deaths of the said

William Daiguid, and Lucy, his wife, and

Joyce Christian, as by the death of the said

Charles Patterson, &c. the proceedings there-

in had, should not stand and be revived

against them in the names of the present

plaintiffs, and be in all things in the same

plight and condition as it was in at the time

of the abatement, and that a copy of this

order be forthwith inserted in some news-

paper published in the city of Richmond,

for two months successively, and posted at

the front door of the Capitol in the said city.

A Copy—Teste,

PETER TINSLEY, c. c.

Received at this Office,

Part 1st of vol. 10th—or No. 19, of

Dr. Rees' New Cyclopaedia.

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requested to apply their for books,

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LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

By Authority.

An ACT further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War and Navy Departments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all warrants drawn by the Secretary of the Treasury, or of War, or of the Navy, upon the Treasurer of the United States, shall specify the particular appropriation or appropriations, to which the same should be charged: The monies paid by virtue of such warrants shall, in conformity therewith, be charged to such appropriation or appropriations, in the books kept in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, in the case of warrants drawn by the Secretary of the Treasury, and in the books of the Accountants of the War and Navy Department respectively, in the case of warrants drawn by the Secretary of War, or by the Secretary of the Navy; and the officers, agents or other persons who may be receivers, of public monies, shall render distinct accounts of the application of such monies according to the appropriation or appropriations under which the same shall have been drawn, and the Secretary of War and of the Navy, shall on the first day of January, in each and every year, severally report to Congress, a distinct account of the expenditure and application of all such sums of money, as may prior to the thirtieth day of September preceding, have been by them respectively drawn from the Treasury in virtue of the appropriation law of the preceding year, and the sums appropriated by law for each branch of expenditure in the several departments shall be solely applied to the object or objects for which they are respectively appropriated, and to no other. Provided nevertheless, That during the recess of Congress, the President of the United States may, and he is hereby authorized, on the application of the Secretary of the proper Department, and not otherwise, to direct, in his opinion necessary, for the public service, that a portion of the monies appropriated to a particular branch of expenditure in that department, be applied to another branch of expenditure in the same Department, in which case, a special account of the monies thus transferred, and of their application, shall be laid before Congress during the first week of their next ensuing session.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the Treasury, in every case where in his opinion further delays would be injurious to the United States, and he is hereby authorized to direct the Auditor of the Treasury, and the Accountants of the War and Navy Departments, at any time, forthwith to audit and settle a particular account which the said officers may be respectively authorized to audit and settle, and to report such settlement for his revision and final decision. And the said Comptroller shall also lay an annual statement before Congress, during the first week of their session, of the accounts in the Treasury, War or Navy Departments, which may have remained more than three years unsettled, or on which balances appear to have been due more than three years, prior to the thirtieth of September then last past, together with a statement of the causes which have prevented the settlement of the accounts or the recovery of the balances due to the United States.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That exclusively of the purveyor of public supplies, paymasters of the army, pursers of the navy, military agents, and other officers already authorized by law, no other permanent agents shall be appointed either for the purpose of making contracts, or for the purchase of supplies, or for the disbursement, in any other manner, of monies for the use of the military establishment, or of the navy of the United States, but such as shall be appointed by the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the Senate: Provided, that the

President may, and he is hereby authorized, in the recess of the Senate, to appoint all or any of such agents, which appointments shall be submitted to the Senate at their next session, for their advice and consent, and the President of the United States is hereby authorized, until otherwise provided by law, to fix the number and compensations of such agents: Provided, That the compensations allowed to either shall not exceed one per centum on the public monies disbursed by him, nor in any instance the compensation allowed by law to the purveyor of public supplies.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That every such agent as may be appointed by virtue of the next preceding section, and every purser of the navy, shall give bond, with one or more sufficient sureties, in such sums as the President of the United States may direct, for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him, and the paymaster of the army, the military agents, the purveyor of public supplies, the pursers of the navy, and agents appointed by virtue of the preceding section, shall, whenever practicable, keep the public monies in their hands, in some incorporated bank, to be designated for the purpose by the President of the United States, and shall make monthly returns in such form as may be prescribed by the Treasury Department, of the monies received and expended during the preceding month, and of an unexpended balance in their hands.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That all purchases and contracts for supplies or services which are or may, according to law, be made by or under the direction of either the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, or the Secretary of the Navy, shall be made either by open purchase, or by previously advertising for proposals respecting the same; and an annual statement of all such contracts and purchases, and also of the expenditure of the monies appropriated for the carrying on expenses of the military establishment, for the contingent expenses of the navy of the United States, and for the discharge of miscellaneous claims not otherwise provided for, and laid at the Treasury, shall be laid before Congress at the beginning of each year, by the Secretary of the proper Department.

J. B. VARNUM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
J. N. MILLEDGE,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
March 3, 1863—Approved.
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT authorising an augmentation of the Marine Corps.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause the Marine Corps in the service of the United States to be augmented, by the appointment and enlistment of not exceeding one major, two captains, two first lieutenants, one hundred and eighty-five corporals, and five hundred and ninety-four privates, who shall be respectively allowed the same pay, bounty, clothing and rations, and shall be employed under the same rules and regulations to which the said Marine Corps are or shall be entitled and subject.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passage of this act, all establishments in the said corps shall be for the term of five years, unless sooner discharged, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. B. VARNUM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
J. N. MILLEDGE,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
March 3, 1863.

Approved,
TH: JEFFERSON.

Just received